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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
12th May 1863.*

No. 59. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, on Circuit, 22nd April 1863, No. 958.

In reference to my letter closed on the 20th instant, relative to the site about the Mango tope selected for the Jail, in case the site originally selected could not be made available, I have the honor to state that, on the evening of that day, I was on the ground when a squall set in from the usual quarter, that the next morning I was again there with Captain Chambers, that the place is so exposed to the north that I fear it will never be healthy for Natives. The fall in the ground is, I learn from Captain Chambers, 40 feet, so that the outer wall, to the north, will afford little or no protection to the cells, while the top of one end of a block will be nearly level with the bottom of the other end of the same block. Altogether I am by no means satisfied that the building will be healthy.

2. I should have no fear of the site west of "Meppen's Shop" on the ground of health, but it is in the heart of the Civil station.

3. The most economical and in my opinion the best solution of the whole difficulty would be that the temporary Barracks, which are really in a state of rapid decay, should be occupied only two years, by which time they will either have tumbled down or require more in repair than they are worth, and that the permanent Barrack should occupy the ground to the south-east of the road and be bounded by the sea on the other side. This was Captain Molony's proposition long ago when he was called on to estimate the houses; it seems to me that by this arrangement at least 20,000 Rupees will be saved immediately in the purchase, that the immediate vicinity of a large village to the Barracks will be avoided, and in every respect the Military will be better placed. There will also be a considerable saving in the building of the Jail, only the most distant segment of which would be occupied, and that only as a Zillah Jail, until the troops were moved.

4. Mr. Carmichael will report hereafter on the value of the land proposed to be occupied about the Mango tope and on the cost of removing the village 50 yards from the boundary walls.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1863, No. 719.

Recorded, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, under date the 28th instant, No. 659.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No 1719 — 12 May 1863.

Recorded, with reference to the
Proceedings of Government, under date
the 28th Inst No 659.

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From the
The Chief Secy to the
Govt of Port Phillip
Date 22nd April 1863
Recd. 29th April 1863
No 958

No 921

Enclosures. And
stating that
the place under the cir-
cumstances herein mentioned
is the more safe site re-
sisted for the soil with regard
to health for natives and
suggesting other arrangements.
Also that Mr Carmichael
will report hereafter on the
value of the land proposed
to be occupied about the
Mung Lake and on the cost
of removing the village 50 yards
from the boundary walls.
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